

**House Finance**

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**HB25-1269 Building Decarbonization Measures**

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Jeany Rush Against themselves	TO: House Energy and Environment Committee RE: HB25-1269 Building Decarbonization Measures Sponsors: Wilford, Valdez, Ball, Kipp FROM: Jeany Rush, Colorado Springs Constituent VOTE: NO RESENDING 3-27-25 STILL NO  First and again, this bill is based on a FALSE PREMISE of Climate Crisis, Climate Change, CO2 as a problem.  Basing anything on these criteria creates mandates that can only be damaging to our uses of energy, and tens of thousands of owners and economies in our communities. The excessive fines, are also beyond the pail. The abuses this imposes on construction, existing structures, and the over – reaching policies of the impossible, globalist green’ deals is actually criminal. This is not only dangerous to our jobs, our economy, but to our future, based on so many false ideas, not based on true science. Further, I feel it is an abuse of the Safety clause, as many also do, since we the voters should have more input in such important issues.  More and more people are literally leaving this state due to its Wild Over Reaching Governmental controls. As we witness this nightmare you all are creating, I know that you are violating constitutional laws, and our rights. It looks like there will need to be lots of litagation, and primarying of people working against the Republic!  The state of Colorado needs to come CLEAN about energy and climate truths, before enacting one more bill, edict on our energy futures. I totally object to most of these positions.

March 27, 2025  
House Finance Committee

## **Support HB25-1269 Building Decarbonization Measures (Rep. Willford and Rep. Valdez / Sen. Ball and Sen. Kipp)**

Dear Chair Lindstedt, Vice Chair Titone and Members of the Committee:

My name is Michael Kenney, and I am the Building Decarbonization Manager at Western Resource Advocates (WRA), where I advocate for policies that accelerate decarbonization of the built environment while maintaining affordable and reliable electricity for Coloradans. For 35 years WRA has worked alongside non-profit allies in partnership with Colorado state legislators, regulators, agencies, and the Governor's office to help craft smart policy solutions to address climate change.

I am submitting testimony to you all today to express support for HB25-1269. We thank Representative Willford and Representative Valdez for bringing this bill forward. The bill creates a building decarbonization enterprise that would provide financing or technical assistance to building owners. The new enterprise will provide a critical function to covered building owners, helping them navigate potentially complicated energy upgrades and meet their obligation to reduce emissions. This includes support for building decarbonization measures, energy audits, consulting building engineers, and purchasing and training on energy tracking software. The more quickly and easily these buildings reduce emissions, the faster Coloradans can benefit from cleaner air, water, and reduced impacts of climate change.

Large buildings consume significant amounts of energy and continue to be a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. This bill is an important step towards meeting Colorado's greenhouse gas reduction goals and provides essential support to building owners to understand how their building uses energy and to make energy improvements. HB25-1269 builds upon the preexisting near-term performance standards and benchmarking while acknowledging building owners need more support to reduce emissions. Building owners will benefit from reduced energy costs, increased market value, and an overall more desirable environment for tenants.

We also appreciate the sponsors and proponents working with Environmental Defense Fund and WRA to amend the bill to ensure that there are not unintended conflicts with the performance standards already in place.

Thank you, committee members, for your attention. We urge you to vote "yes" on HB25-1269.

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